

# Room Nine Tidbits

September 21, 2015

## Weekly Objectives

### Action Points:

- Our 1st Field Trip has been set for Thursday, October 8 to the Fort Bend County Museum. This is an all day Field Trip leaving Kolter at 8:30 AM and returning at 2:30 PM. Students will learn about life in the past and visit a One-Room Schoolhouse, play Victorian games, complete household chores such as laundry without electricity, tour an 1830s cottage and learn about textiles by spinning cotton. We are very excited! All parents are welcome to follow the bus or meet us there. I am confirming the cost per parent but believe it will be \$5 at the door. PTO will be covering the cost for students.

First Grade Families,

It will be a very short week in 1st Grade this week! On Tuesday, we have an assembly in the morning and early dismissal at 12:30 PM. To continue with the Passport Global mindset, Kolter will be hosting the Impande Ye Africa group Tuesday morning. This is an African drum-and-dance ensemble with high energy audience interaction! Don't forget that Wednesday is the Fall Holiday and there is no school.

We are continuing to prepare for small group instruction in Reading, Language Arts and Math. We are introducing the Daily 5 work stations in Reading which include Read to

Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work, Work on Writing and Computer.

In Math, we have played quite a few Every Day Math Partner Games that will be put into stations.

Weekly Objectives are:

- Reading/Language Arts — Tall Tales—Johnny Appleseed, compare and contrast facts and tall tales

Letter Sounds—d, l, h and short o. We will compare words with the short a, i and o vowel sounds.

Compare Verbs and Nouns—We will identify verbs and

nouns in sentences.

- Math — Begin Unit 2—Everyday Uses of Numbers—Number Grids, Addition Facts, Numbers all Around and Complements of 10
- Science — Measuring length using non-standard units such as paper clips and Unifix cubes
- Social Studies — Symbols of the United States

Looking forward to a great week!

Ms. Brown

### Dates to Remember:

Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM	9/22
Fall Holiday—NO SCHOOL	9/23
Summer Reading Celebration	9/25
Principal's Coffee PK-2—8:00 AM	10/1
Sprit Night—No Homework	10/6
Field Trip to the Fort Bend County Museum	10/8



## High Frequency Words

Every week in the classroom, we will add High Frequency Words to the Word Wall. Our words will be introduced, used in games and writing and visibly posted on the Word Wall together. Once a word has been posted on the Word Wall, students are expected to correctly spell this word in class assignments (using the Word Wall as a reference).

These are separate words from our spelling words. Spelling words are generally decodable words that coordinate with a concept we are learning in class. High Frequency words are often used in reading and are generally NOT decodable (must be memorized).

- Your child's log in information for Every-day Math, Istation and Myon can be found taped in the cover of their yellow folder.

## Words Their Way Spelling

We began our Words Their Way spelling program last week with a practice list and dictation. We will do a different spelling activity every day in class including sorting, rainbow writing, using in sentences, word hunts and word searches. We will continue practicing this week by distinguishing between the short a, I and o vowel sounds.

Differentiated spelling lists will begin 9/28 and the 1st Graded Dictation will be October 2. Sample dictations will be "graded" but not recorded.

- Please sign and return the stapled packet of grades sent home in your child's Tuesday folder each week. Thank you!